

RE: Social Security Offset for Educators

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Since I'll be turning 62 this October 2010, I had my Social Security meeting last Friday, July 7th. The yearly paper work that I have been receiving from SSI says that I will receive \$502 a month for the 35 years I played organ for churches. I worked only part time because I was widowed as a young mom and wanted to make sure my kids grew healthy as good citizens.

BUT!!! Because I spent \$14,000 (!) getting a credential after my children were grown, and became an elementary public school music teacher, that Social Security promise of \$502 a month will be CUT to less than half at \$223 a month. A 'Punitive Penalty' for taking on extra work and supporting my community and nation.

I currently receive net, \$1400 a month from being a teacher for a few years. My housing is close to \$1,000 a month, and my health insurance is \$402 a month. Hmmmmmm....That means I have \$00.00 for food, \$00.00 for utilities, zero, zero, zero. And my government believes they know what is best for me by taking away what was rightfully earned by me. Amazing. Now if I were a drug addict, a felon, on welfare, etc, I would probably be treated better. But be a responsible person, and the nation's leaders think I should be penalized for that. Unbelievable.